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FROM : Information Control, OSO

COUNTRY : Albania

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SUBJECT : International Brigade Camp at Murth

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EVALUATION

1. The "Marshal Tito" Commando Camp at Murth (between Xare and the frontier at Ciflik) has been extended to serve as a training ground for special units of the International Brigades.

2. In August, the camp housed over 1,200 including the commando battalion of 600. Accommodations are bad but the food is good.

3. The staff at the camp includes the following officers:

Commandant : Lieutenant Colonel Valibor Zajovic, a Yugoslav and ex-officer of the Royal Yugoslav Army.

Deputy-Commandant : Major Arno Kumbach, an Austrian and ex-international brigade officer.

Other Officers : Major Jendrich Vedicks, a Slovak teacher and ex-commander of partisans in Carpatho-Ukraine; Captain Leon Misne, Polish ex-officer, now in command of security at the camp.

Lieutenant Ante Kratochvil, Czech dentist, now in command of rationing at the camp.

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1. The Bureau of International Aid for the Democracies in Belgrade has of late been actively engaged in recruiting and enrolling international brigade volunteers in Slovenia. Most of the volunteers come from the Soviet Zone of occupation in Germany

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2. The staff which deals with the enrollment of recruits is located at 4-6 Kopitarjeva ulica, Ljubljana, on the premises of the Communist Party paper Ljudska Pravica. It is headed by Captain Alojz Herman of the Yugoslav Army. Herman's secretary is one Marica Pockaj, a member of the Women's Anti-Fascist Union (AFZ).

3. The camp at which the volunteers are assembled is near Kamnik, 25 kilometers from Ljubljana. The camp consists of war-time huts and a rest-house.  The code name of the camp is "Tvorica".

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4. Volunteers spend five to seven days at this camp while they are checked by the Ljubljana office. They are then taken by truck to Karlovac in groups of 40-50.

5. There is a large training camp for enlisted volunteers at Karlovac as well as a camp for officers. The enlisted camp is capable of accommodating 1,500 and the officer camp 200.

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6. The officer in charge of these two camps at Karlova is Major Draga Ciglanecki of the Yugoslav Army. His deputies are the Czech Lieutenant Jiri Novak at the enlisted men's camp and the Yugoslav Captain Viljan Breje at the officer's camp.

7. The strengths at the various camps at the end of August 1947 were as follows:

Kounik .....	119 (including a large number of Polish DPs)
Karlova .....	675 (camp for enlisted men)
Karlova .....	29 (Camp for officers)

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